

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
CHILDREN'S BUREAU

MONTHLY RELIEF BULLETIN

OCTOBER RELIEF

Relief expenditures in October and the number of families aided increased in nearly all sections of the country, according to reports forwarded to the United States Children's Bureau by 997 agencies administering relief in 127 cities of 50,000 or more population and by state-wide organizations in four States.

CITY REPORTS

During October the 997 agencies reporting for cities and city areas provided relief for which an expenditure of \$23,748,956 was authorized, an increase of 3.8 per cent above the cost of relief provided by the same agencies in the preceding month and 88.6 per cent above the cost of such relief in October, 1931. (Table 1.)

Source of Funds

As is illustrated in the following diagram, the rapidly expanding volume of relief expenditure has been financed to an increasing extent from public funds. Between October, 1931, and October, 1932, expenditures from public funds increased 111.2 per cent; from private funds, 3.8 per cent.

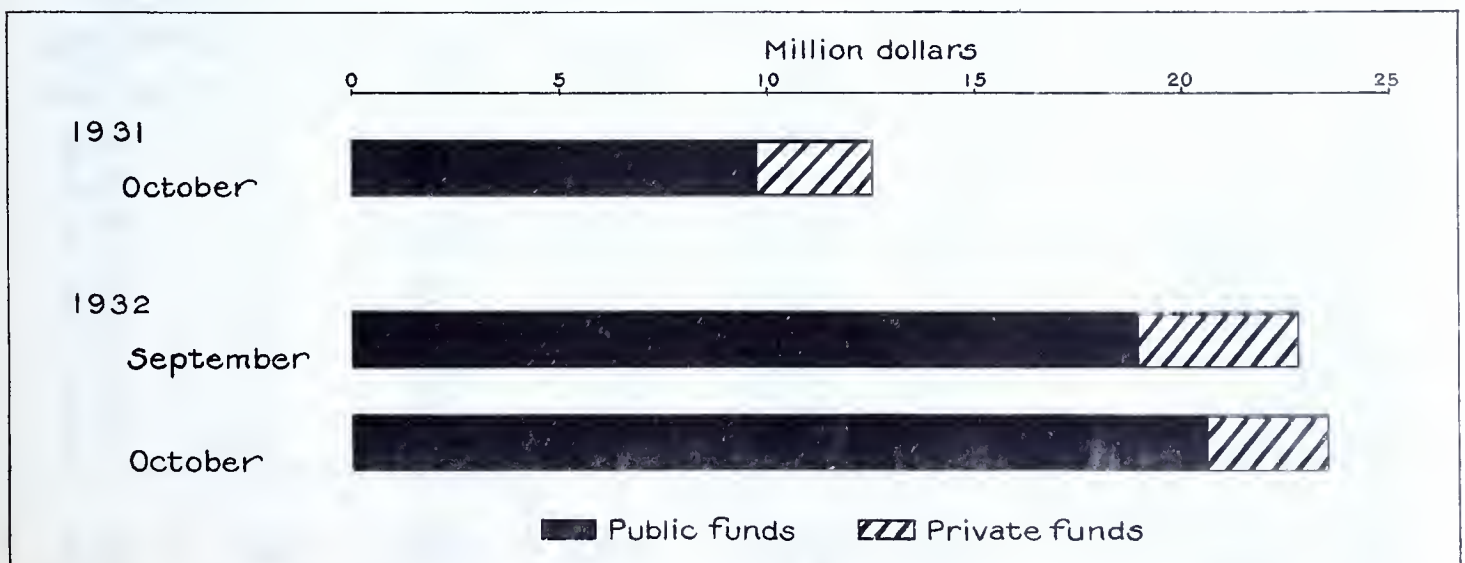
The change in financing responsibility has been especially rapid during recent months and is apparently related directly to the increased availability of Federal and State funds for use in supplementing local funds in meeting current emergency relief needs.

Between September, 1932, and October, 1932, expenditures from public funds rose 8.6 per cent and expenditures from private funds dropped 24.7 per cent.

In October, 1931, public funds financed 78 per cent of the total expended. In September, 1932, public funds met 83 per cent of the cost; in October, 1932, 88 per cent.

In certain cities the rise in public expenditures for relief has been associated with a corresponding increase in the appropriations and responsibilities of public departments. Elsewhere, private agencies have assumed all or part of the administrative responsibility for relief financed from public funds.

Information received in response to a special inquiry shows that 95 of the 578 private agencies



Amount of Relief from Public and from Private Funds — 997 Agencies in 127 Cities

Table 1.--Amount expended for different types of relief by 997 agencies or divisions of departments in 127 cities and city areas in October, 1932, and comparison with September, 1932, and October, 1931

Type of relief and administrative agency	Number of reports	Amount expended			Per cent increase (+) or decrease (-)	
		October, 1931	September, 1932	October, 1932	Sept., 1932, to Oct., 1932	Oct., 1931, to Oct., 1932
Total relief.....	997	\$12,593,484	\$22,882,136	\$23,748,956	+3.8	+88.6
General relief.....	693	7,480,573	15,405,757	16,257,197	+5.5	+117.3
General public relief:						
County departments.....	43	943,992	4,366,571	3,906,060	-10.5	+313.8
City departments.....	84	2,887,341	5,662,571	6,891,546	+21.7	+138.7
Veterans' relief:						
Public departments.....	39	714,780	880,887	916,632	+4.1	+28.2
Private agencies.....	82	59,742	70,039	68,501	-2.2	+14.7
Emergency-relief committees.	35	119,802	382,137	359,873	-5.8	+200.4
Nonsectarian family societies.....	131	1,929,778	3,082,897	3,087,338	+0.1	+60.0
Jewish agencies.....	64	299,337	401,048	382,887	-4.5	+27.9
Catholic agencies.....	51	311,099	309,675	380,647	+22.9	+22.4
Salvation Army.....	88	128,465	148,721	147,593	-0.8	+14.9
Other.....	76	86,237	101,211	116,120	+14.7	+34.7
Special allowances from public funds.....	180	3,033,339	3,404,822	3,476,431	+2.1	+14.6
Mothers' aid.....	93	1,871,496	1,927,667	1,952,068	+1.3	+4.3
Old-age relief.....	34	1,013,521	1,307,982	1,355,342	+3.6	+33.7
Aid for the blind.....	53	148,322	169,173	169,021	-0.1	+14.0
Work relief.....	124	2,079,572	4,071,557	4,015,328	-1.4	+93.1
Public departments.....	73	1,732,014	3,063,879	3,387,479	+10.6	+95.6
Private agencies.....	51	347,558	1,007,678	627,849	-37.7	+80.6

forwarding reports in October, 1932, financed their relief grants entirely or in part from public funds. Four public departments reported that they administered relief financed in part from private funds.

Types of Relief

General relief continued to increase especially rapidly in October, both in amounts ex-

pended and in number of families aided. Special allowances from public funds continued to increase slightly. Work relief decreased. (Tables 1 and 2 and chart.)

Expenditures by city departments for general public relief rose sharply in October, while such expenditures by county departments decreased. Veterans' relief and work relief administered by

Table 2.--Families aided through direct relief by 778 agencies or divisions of departments in 127 cities and city areas in October, 1932, and comparison with September, 1932, and October, 1931

Type of relief and administrative agency	Number of reports	Number of families			Per cent increase (+) or decrease (-)	
		October, 1931	September, 1932	October, 1932	Sept., 1932, to Oct., 1932	Oct., 1931, to Oct., 1932
Total families.....	778	432,441	785,205	840,916	+7.1	+94.5
General relief.....	609	356,966	692,899	747,198	+7.8	+109.3
General public relief:						
County departments.....	31	69,054	173,298	197,219	+13.8	+185.6
City departments.....	58	98,210	219,926	238,755	+8.6	+143.1
Veterans' relief:						
Public departments.....	36	23,512	33,991	34,521	+1.6	+46.8
Private agencies.....	81	4,199	6,473	6,676	+3.1	+59.0
Emergency-relief committees.	23	3,013	11,109	11,296	+1.7	+274.9
Nonsectarian family societies.....	111	94,895	175,752	184,430	+4.9	+94.4
Jewish agencies.....	63	8,478	12,763	12,656	-0.8	+49.3
Catholic agencies.....	49	21,402	22,492	23,048	+2.5	+7.7
Salvation Army.....	87	27,631	26,330	26,553	+0.8	-3.9
Other.....	70	6,572	10,765	12,044	+11.9	+83.3
Special allowances from public funds.....	169	75,475	92,306	93,718	+1.5	+24.2
Mothers' aid.....	90	38,823	42,204	42,910	+1.7	+10.5
Old-age relief.....	31	31,428	44,585	45,276	+1.5	+44.1
Aid for the blind.....	48	5,224	5,517	5,532	+0.3	+5.9

public departments increased, but expenditures for such relief by private agencies tended to decline.

City Totals for Direct and Work Relief

The list of cities forwarding reports was increased in October through the inclusion of two cities in North Carolina, Charlotte and Greensboro.

Seventy-two of the 105 cities with reports sufficiently complete for presentation in Table 3 spent more for relief in October than in September. Twenty-nine of these cities reported increases of less than 10 per cent; 19 cities, from 10 to 20 per cent; and 9 cities, from 20 to 30 per cent.

Expenditures 30 per cent or more above the amount spent in September were reported by Bethlehem, Flint, St. Paul, Kenosha, Los Angeles, Pontiac, Youngstown, Birmingham, Houston, Indianapolis, Oak Park, Louisville, Philadelphia, Jacksonville, and El Paso.

Decreases in October expenditures were reported by 33 cities. In 22 of these cities there were decreases of less than 10 per cent and in eight cities, decreases from 10 to 20 per cent. Ex-

penditures in Bridgeport, Knoxville, and New Haven dropped 20 per cent or more.

Between September, 1932, and October, 1932, the median change in city totals for relief was an increase of 7.5 per cent. Between October, 1931, and October, 1932, the median change was an increase of 93.1 per cent.

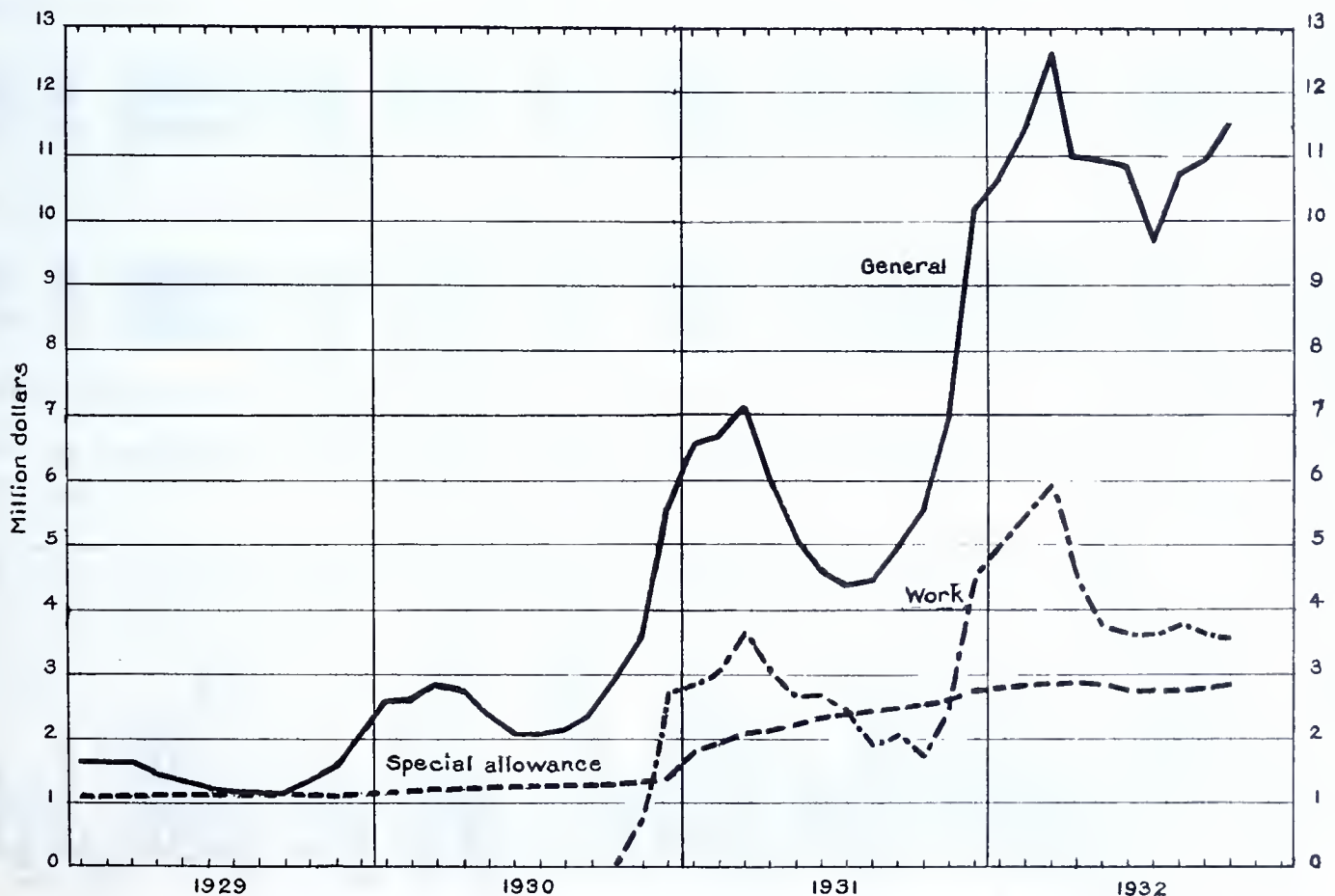
Meals and Lodgings for the Homeless and Transient

The number of meals and lodgings for homeless and transient persons increased much less rapidly between September and October in 1932 than between September and October in 1931.

Reports from 163 agencies in 58 cities of 50,000 or more population show that in 1932 the number of meals served increased from 918,120 in September to 1,024,317 in October, a rise of 8.0 per cent in the average number served per day. In 1931, the increase was from 457,898 in September to 746,247 in October, a change of 57.7 per cent.

In 1932 the number of lodgings provided by these agencies increased from 314,195 in September to 366,364 in October, a rise of 12.8 per cent

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Amount of Relief—247 General, 87 Special-Allowance, and 50 Work-Relief Agencies—January, 1929, to October, 1932

Table 3.--Amount expended for direct and work relief by 893 agencies or divisions of departments in 105 cities and city areas 1/ in October, 1932, and comparison with September, 1932, and October, 1931

Cities and city areas included in this table are those for which reports from public and private agencies are believed to be sufficiently complete for use in determining local trends. Figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

State and city or city area	Number of reports	Amount expended for direct and work relief				Per cent increase (+) or decrease (-) in total relief	
		Total		Work relief		September, 1932, to October, 1932	October, 1931, to October, 1932
		October, 1931	September, 1932	October, 1931	September, 1932		
ALABAMA							
Birmingham area.....	4	\$14,574	\$72,113	\$103,383	\$872	\$610	+609.4
Mobile.....	4	702	2,468	2,343	511	433	+233.8
CALIFORNIA							
Berkely area.....	7	24,489	35,931	36,890	137	-	+50.6
Los Angeles area.....	9	421,214	615,555	837,393	16,909	5,495	+98.8
Oakland.....	8	118,356	148,778	158,935	-	-	+34.3
Sacramento area.....	9	31,524	28,813	30,225	-	-	-4.1
San Diego area.....	9	47,053	82,359	76,317	15,565	8,232	+62.2
San Francisco.....	20	142,347	443,024	472,684	(2/)	(2/)	+232.1
COLORADO							
Denver area.....	11	31,363	54,145	62,486	4,743	3,760	+99.2
CONNECTICUT							
Bridgeport 2/.....	10	67,589	104,744	80,632	29,690	5,440	+19.3
Hartford area.....	11	110,265	135,004	128,081	19,752	14,516	+16.2
New Britain.....	9	23,521	61,228	58,515	-	-	+148.8
New Haven area.....	12	67,213	102,501	53,466	37,744	4,231	-20.5
DELAWARE							
Wilmington.....	10	25,066	58,170	62,720	495	-	+150.2
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA							
Washington area.....	12	35,179	114,657	108,574	50,607	35,868	+208.6
FLORIDA							
Jacksonville area.....	5	5,217	7,220	14,733	1,300	6,791	+182.4
GEORGIA							
Atlanta area.....	4/ 7	19,641	31,984	40,434	-	-	+105.9
ILLINOIS							
Chicago.....	18	1,190,455	3,712,037	3,039,018	283,732	362,770	+155.3
Cicero.....	4	6,388	32,519	33,162	-	-	+419.1
Oak Park.....	4	2,049	2,702	4,406	-	-	+115.0
INDIANA							
Evansville area.....	4	21,859	51,982	55,957	-	-	+156.0
Fort Wayne area.....	8	23,585	56,425	52,749	-	-	+123.7
Indianapolis.....	10	69,443	84,225	121,693	264	218	+75.2
South Bend.....	6	30,293	49,864	54,851	-	-	+81.1
Terre Haute.....	6	7,765	13,355	13,039	-	-	+67.9
IOWA							
Sioux City.....	4/ 11	8,494	21,921	24,667	-	-	+190.4
KANSAS							
Topeka.....	7	5,941	10,691	11,496	-	-	+93.5
Wichita.....	7	10,050	20,624	18,597	-	-	+85.0

State	City	No.	Pop.	Area	Value	% Chg.
MAINE	Portland	4/6	9,923	20,727	24,391	+17.7
MARYLAND	Baltimore	7	87,943	393,031	380,403	-3.2
MASSACHUSETTS	Boston	14	629,411	1,059,654	1,052,327	-0.7
	Fall River	7	55,579	77,794	86,081	+10.7
	Lawrence	8	24,587	38,858	31,843	-18.1
	Lowell	7	40,319	63,504	59,032	-7.0
	Lynn	10	60,784	79,231	97,186	+22.7
	Malden	8	21,198	43,361	37,641	-13.2
	New Bedford	8	67,010	109,899	98,409	-10.5
	Newton area	11	11,771	27,087	21,696	-19.9
	Springfield	13	98,909	186,288	184,020	-1.2
	Worcester	9	112,314	193,630	197,709	+2.1
MICHIGAN	Detroit area	18	688,480	656,490	789,671	+20.3
	Flint	3	35,190	94,634	125,478	+32.6
	Grand Rapids area	7	88,862	107,859	132,132	+22.5
	Pontiac area	6	11,023	59,501	81,621	+37.2
	Saginaw	4	42,003	39,522	42,072	+6.5
MINNESOTA	Duluth	6	35,130	55,473	54,238	-2.2
	Minneapolis area	11	113,954	228,617	254,058	+11.1
	St. Paul area	4/12	46,063	117,680	158,211	+34.4
MISSOURI	Kansas City	7	68,595	63,833	67,400	+5.6
	St. Louis area	12	105,638	199,982	231,870	+15.9
NEBRASKA	Omaha area	11	21,968	21,709	23,002	+6.0
NEW JERSEY	Jersey City	4	54,439	121,063	115,332	-4.7
	Newark	11	159,424	201,136	261,255	+29.9
	The Oranges	12	30,414	57,272	56,728	-0.9
NEW YORK	Albany	12	34,666	55,493	60,901	+9.7
	Buffalo area	21	374,636	791,630	838,075	+5.9
	New Rochelle	8	5,417	36,896	42,344	+14.8
	New York	28	3,432,023	5,861,944	5,968,666	+1.8
	Niagara Falls	10	39,493	98,682	114,342	+15.9
	Rochester	11	293,878	369,022	351,496	-4.7
	Syracuse	13	195,968	310,381	316,128	+1.9
	Utica area	12	40,825	82,193	93,936	+14.3
	Yonkers	9	44,101	144,349	163,567	+13.3
NORTH CAROLINA	Charlotte	5	4,323	11,760	11,625	-1.1
	Greensboro	4	1,414	4,542	4,415	-2.8
	Winston-Salem	2	3,205	3,073	3,508	+14.2
OHIO	Akron area	4/12	35,817	76,736	81,159	+5.8
	Canton area	6	43,925	54,866	59,737	+8.9
	Cincinnati area	15	170,115	342,639	395,923	+15.6
	Cleveland area	8	382,746	583,440	607,758	+4.2
	Columbus area	13	46,542	143,459	182,787	+27.4
	Dayton area	10	41,749	103,008	113,846	+10.5
	Toledo	5	103,558	115,489	138,873	+20.2
	Youngstown	6	23,940	60,465	83,606	+38.3

Table 3.--Amount expended for direct and work relief by 893 agencies or divisions of departments in 105 cities and city areas 1/ in October, 1932, and comparison with September, 1932, and October, 1931--Continued

State and city or city area	Number of reports	Amount expended for direct and work relief				Per cent increase (+) or decrease (-) in total relief	
		Total		Work relief		September, 1932, to October, 1932	October, 1931, to October, 1932
		October, 1931	September, 1932	October, 1931	September, 1932		
OREGON							
Portland.....	8	\$152,613	\$299,661	\$123,496	\$226,142	-1.7	+93.1
PENNSYLVANIA							
Allentown area.....	3	27,584	46,534	-	-	+8.3	+82.6
Altoona.....	6	11,838	33,971	-	10,188	+7.5	+208.4
Bethlehem area.....	4	8,631	23,265	-	-	+31.2	+253.5
Chester area.....	9	9,595	61,933	-	-	+17.8	+660.3
Erie area.....	6	29,908	69,387	-	-	+5.8	+145.6
Lancaster.....	7	10,293	15,126	-	-	-10.3	+31.8
Philadelphia.....	11	622,923	311,086	-	-	+83.9	-8.2
Pittsburgh area.....	11	272,786	604,843	4,461	6,400	+13.3	+151.2
Reading.....	11	30,209	108,375	-	-	+8.6	+289.5
Scranton.....	5	32,141	59,373	-	-	+1.3	+87.2
Wilkes-Barre area.....	5	57,326	112,298	-	-	+12.6	+120.5
RHODE ISLAND							
Providence.....	12	42,451	160,619	-	66,895	+4.6	+295.8
SOUTH CAROLINA							
Charleston.....	5	1,042	2,081	-	-	+28.2	+156.0
TENNESSEE							
Knoxville area.....	5	4,899	11,182	3,694	10,830	-23.4	+74.9
Memphis area.....	5	16,994	10,862	-	-	+7.9	-31.0
TEXAS							
Dallas area.....	6	13,369	24,919	7,181	18,027	-6.6	+74.1
El Paso area.....	4	17,977	4,471	14,454	-	+621.6	+79.5
Fort Worth area.....	4	5,779	9,846	-	-	-15.9	+43.2
Houston area.....	6	9,717	11,517	-	-	+43.6	+70.2
San Antonio area.....	4	2,116	2,255	-	-	+23.6	+31.7
VIRGINIA							
Norfolk area.....	5	2,556	1,710	-	-	+9.1	-27.0
Roanoke.....	4	1,879	5,231	-	-	-14.6	+137.8
WASHINGTON							
Seattle area 2/.....	10	47,381	251,762	9,831	-	-5.0	+404.6
WISCONSIN							
Kenosha area.....	8	37,503	76,907	-	-	+34.4	+175.6
Madison area.....	6	17,820	45,144	-	-	+4.5	+164.8
Milwaukee area.....	10	373,329	781,546	64,648	38,828	+1.3	+112.2
Racine area.....	9	69,335	87,547	5,569	1,832	+10.9	+40.0

1/ Following cities, included in tabulations for Tables 1 and 2, excluded here because of incomplete reports: Miami, Evanston, Springfield (Ill.), Des Moines, Kansas City (Kans.), Brockton, Cambridge, Somerville, Camden, Paterson, Trenton, Asheville, Springfield (Ohio), Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Harrisburg, Sharon, Nashville, Salt Lake City, Richmond, Tacoma, Huntington.

2/ Amount of work relief is not separately reported but is included in total expenditures.

3/ Reports from 1 or more important agencies known to be missing.

4/ Different from count in previous month's bulletin because 1 or more agencies functioned during some month in this comparison, but not in any month shown in that tabulation.

in the daily average. Last year the change between September and October was from 172,584 to 243,848, an increase of 36.6 per cent.

Between October, 1931, and October, 1932, the percentage increase in meals was 37.3 per cent and in lodgings, 50.2 per cent.

STATE REPORTS

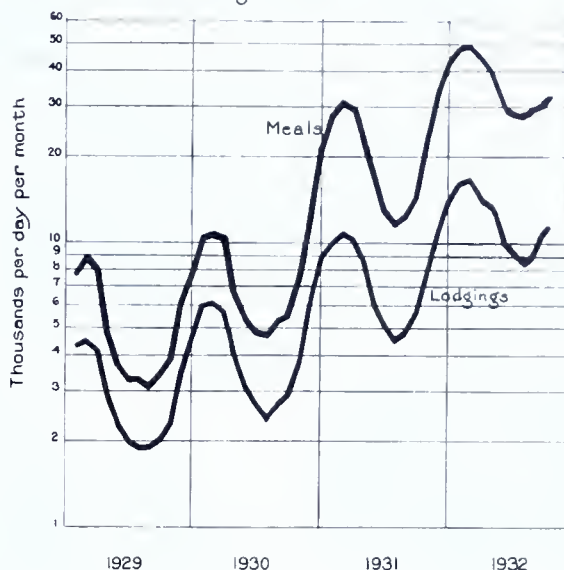
The monthly reports forwarded by the Georgia State Department of Public Welfare, the New York State Department of Social Welfare, and the Wisconsin Industrial Commission show large increases in October in the amounts expended for general public relief in these States and in the number of families aided. The New York State Temporary Emergency Relief Administration reports a rapid rise in work relief in New York State in October.

In New Jersey the monthly summaries of the State Emergency Relief Administration indicate a continued downward trend in general public relief in October, although less pronounced than the drop reported for a somewhat smaller group of municipalities in September.

State totals for special allowances from public funds in New Jersey, forwarded by the State

Trend of Meals and Lodgings Provided To Homeless and Transient Persons

152 agencies in 61 cities



Department of Institutions and Agencies, show that mothers' aid and aid to the blind increased slightly in October. Old-age relief, which has been in operation in New Jersey for only a few months, expanded much more rapidly. In New York, where old-age relief has been provided during a longer time, the State totals reported by the State Department of Social Welfare indicate a slight increase in this type of relief.

Table 4.--Amount expended for certain types of relief and number of families aided in four States during September and October, 1932

State reporting and type of relief	Amount expended			Number of families aided		
	September, 1932	October, 1932	Per cent increase (+) or decrease (-)	September, 1932	October, 1932	Per cent increase (+) or decrease (-)
Georgia 1/ General relief.....	\$48,774	\$59,376	+21.7	13,969	14,710	+5.3
New Jersey						
General public relief 2/..	1,165,324	1,144,314	-1.8	71,021	70,639	-0.5
Mothers' aid.....	183,098	183,388	+0.2	8,198	6,246	+0.8
Old-age relief.....	97,234	106,856	+9.9	6,424	7,058	+9.9
Aid for the blind.....	11,427	11,510	+0.7	473	477	+0.8
New York						
General public relief..... 3/	2,831,016	3,385,227	+19.6	130,790	137,464	+5.1
Work relief 4/.....	2,457,026	2,916,985	+18.7	70,318	77,497	+10.2
Mothers' aid..... (5/)		1,048,072	-	(5/)	21,455	-
Old-age relief.....	1,289,854	1,294,066	+0.3	52,985	53,508	+1.0
Wisconsin 6/ General public relief.....	1,061,549	1,218,069	+14.7	54,871	58,344	+6.3

1/ Figures relate to public and private relief in 10 counties and cover 29 per cent of the population of the State.

2/ Figures relate to 294 municipalities and cover about 87 per cent of the population of the State.

3/ Excludes veterans' relief and certain special relief included in figures shown in last bulletin.

4/ Figures relate to relief organized in cooperation with the New York State Temporary Emergency Relief Administration.

5/ Figures not available.

6/ Figures relate to 7 counties and 19 cities and cover 52 per cent of the population of the State.

FEDERAL RELIEF

During November the Reconstruction Finance Corporation made \$18,687,373 available for use by States and their political subdivisions in meeting current emergency relief needs. As is shown in Table 5, the total made available through November 30 amounted to \$76,777,306 and was for use in 35 of the 48 States and in Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

The American National Red Cross reports the following increases in the cumulative totals on its distribution of Government-owned wheat:

	October 29	December 3
Chapters and other Red Cross units applying for flour.....	3,477	3,575
Families in whose behalf flour was requested.....	4,193,727	4,488,477
Barrels of flour approved for distribution.....	5,617,579	6,524,387
Bushels of wheat committed for all purposes.....	50,024,770	56,502,221

Table 5.--Amount made available through November 30, 1932, by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation under Title I of the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932 for use in 35 States and 2 Territories in meeting current emergency relief needs

State or Territory	Amount made available				
	Total	August	September	October	November
Total.....	<u>\$76,777,306</u>	<u>1/ \$17,321,669</u>	<u>\$18,133,502</u>	<u>\$22,634,762</u>	<u>\$18,687,373</u>
Alabama.....	348,774	225,000	-	-	123,774
Arizona.....	506,200	-	250,000	-	256,200
Arkansas.....	1,319,168	-	502,500	529,400	287,268
Colorado.....	1,085,635	-	847,600	238,035	-
Florida.....	1,565,449	-	500,000	335,715	729,734
Georgia.....	471,660	-	345,093	-	126,567
Idaho.....	300,000	-	300,000	-	-
Illinois.....	25,238,228	<u>1/ 9,000,000</u>	5,000,000	6,303,150	4,935,078
Indiana.....	582,200	-	-	247,200	335,000
Iowa.....	34,000	-	-	-	34,000
Kansas.....	1,149,840	-	-	450,000	699,840
Kentucky.....	836,400	-	672,550	-	163,850
Louisiana.....	2,385,258	1,096,084	1,008,844	280,330	-
Michigan.....	5,266,847	1,800,000	316,000	2,465,400	685,447
Minnesota.....	655,376	-	-	655,376	-
Mississippi.....	850,000	-	-	850,000	-
Missouri.....	1,158,118	-	853,953	132,821	171,344
Montana.....	496,538	-	300,000	155,000	41,538
Nevada.....	54,967	-	47,200	3,600	4,167
New Hampshire.....	667,420	-	-	-	667,420
New Mexico.....	90,800	-	90,800	-	-
North Carolina.....	815,000	-	-	815,000	-
North Dakota.....	100,680	50,000	-	-	50,680
Ohio.....	6,494,526	1,610,585	2,807,000	1,196,677	880,264
Oklahoma.....	817,968	-	-	817,968	-
Oregon.....	228,538	-	86,160	135,378	7,000
Pennsylvania.....	11,304,448	-	2,500,000	3,342,183	5,462,265
South Dakota.....	720,695	150,000	-	280,695	290,000
Tennessee.....	789,036	-	-	467,536	321,500
Texas.....	1,569,301	-	-	366,597	1,202,704
Utah.....	663,539	390,000	-	250,000	23,539
Virginia.....	1,310,928	-	283,367	715,558	312,003
Washington.....	1,075,000	-	675,000	105,000	295,000
West Virginia.....	2,157,334	-	440,000	1,136,143	581,191
Wisconsin.....	3,000,000	3,000,000	-	-	-
Hawaii.....	307,435	-	307,435	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	360,000	-	-	360,000	-

1/ Includes \$3,000,000 made available for use in Illinois on July 27.